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Beginning in early spring of 1952, Stolp-Reitz (P 55/N 09) airfield was extended to the east by 800 to 1,000 meters and to the north. Three trucks with about 150 workers daily departed from the burgomaster's office at Bedlin to the airfield. In the fall of 1952, air activity by jet aircraft started, while construction work was still under way. Until spring 1953, only individual jet aircraft practiced flying; later on up to 20 jet aircraft were seen aloft at the same time also practicing flying in formations; in addition biplanes were observed flying mostly individually but occasionally also in formations of 10 to 12 aircraft. The jet aircraft had considerably swept-back wings. There was day and night flying. During air activity at night, the aircraft which, according to the noise heard, were jet aircraft, had set red, green and white position lights. The airfield was lighted every night. During night flying a continuously rotating searchlight was in operation. Air activity by jet aircraft included fighter training with up to three aircraft pursuing, horizontal flying, power dives and zooming, and aerobatics included rolls, turns and slips. Aerobatics were sometimes practiced by formations of up to three aircraft.

25X1A **Comments** The present report confirms available information. Two fighter regiments and the superior division headquarters are believed to be stationed at Stolp-Reitz airfield.

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